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State Board of Education Recognizes Student from Gloucester County

The New Jersey Board of Education today recognized Matthew Egge, a senior at Clearview Regional High School in Mullica Hill, Gloucester County, as the student of the month for September 2002.

Egge is an accomplished scholar and athlete. He is quarterback and captain of the football team and is also a captain of the basketball squad. He is additionally his class's vice president and an honor student with a 4.0 grade point average.

Ranked number 23 out of 300 students in the high school's class of 2003, Egge is member of both the National Honor Society and Renaissance Club. He is also editor of his school newspaper.

"The state Board of Education is pleased to recognize Matthew Egge as both an outstanding athlete and scholar, not too mention an excellent young man with much to offer society," said Maud Dahme, the state board president.

"We expect nothing but good things from Matthew as he finishes his senior year and furthers his education," Dahme said.

Clearview Principal Robert Bennette lauded Egge in a letter of recommendation to the state board sent a week before school began.

"He is devoid of the usual arrogant, braggadocios, self-centered behaviors that most often accompany positions such as (his)," Bennette said. "Matthew is a fierce, competent competitor, but he is also the most down-to-earth, compassionate, humble young man you will ever meet."

On the gridiron, Egge led his freshman and junior varsity squads to consecutive seven win seasons, going 7-1-1 as a freshman and 7-1 as a sophomore. While heading the varsity squad, Egge became the first Clearview quarterback since 1986 for throw more than 10 touchdowns in a single season.

He was named the county's top quarterback as a junior by the Gloucester County Times and received statewide honorable mention after passing for 985 yards, rushing for 172 and throwing 17 touchdowns. He also ran for three touchdowns last year.

The State Board welcomed Egge today at its regular meeting in Trenton as part of its monthly program that recognizes a student or group of students for accomplishments in community service, the arts, academics and sports.

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